

REMARKS

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-35 were pending. Claims 1-17 are canceled. No other claim amendments are made herein, and no new claims are added. Hence claims 18-35 are now pending.

Rejections under 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-17 stand rejected under 35 USC § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. These claims have been canceled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner considered claims 18-35 to be allowable. With the cancellation of the rejected claims, applicants submit that this case is now in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In the course of the foregoing discussions, applicant may have at times referred to claim limitations in shorthand fashion, or may have focused on a particular claim element. This discussion should not be interpreted to mean that the other limitations can be ignored or dismissed. The claims must be viewed as a whole, and each limitation of the claims must be considered when determining the patentability of the claims. Moreover, it should be understood

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that there may be other distinctions between the claims and the prior art which have yet to be raised, but which may be raised in the future.

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